

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
**January 23, 2002 at 4:00 P. M.**  
**Room 303, State Capitol Building**

Members Present:        Sen. Leonard Blackham, Committee Co-Chair  
                              Rep. Jeff Alexander, Committee Co-Chair  
                              Sen. Ron Allen  
                              Sen. Gene Davis  
                              Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
                              Sen. Karen Hale  
                              Sen. Peter Knudson  
                              Pres. Al Mansell  
                              Sen. Steve Poulton  
                              Rep. Patrice Arent  
                              Rep. Ralph Becker  
                              Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
                              Rep. Greg Curtis  
                              Rep. Kevin Garn  
                              Rep. Brad King  
                              Speaker Martin Stephens  
                              Rep. David Ure

Sen. Bill Hickman, Vice-Chair  
Rep. Ron Bigelow, Vice Chair

Members Excused:        Sen. John Valentine

Staff Present:            John Massey, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
                              Michael Kjar, Deputy Director  
                              Sharon Johnson, Secretary

List of Others Present on File:

Committee Co-Chair Blackham called the meeting to order at p.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Sen.Knudson moved to approve the minutes of January 16 and 21. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Budget Issues**

MOTION: Rep. Alexander moved that \$3,300,000 in Centennial Highway Fund be transferred from savings in the Debt Service Program to the General Fund.  
The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Alexander moved that in addition to funding sources previously approved

by this committee, I move approval of the following funding sources for Fiscal Year 2002:  
\$500,000 to the General Fund from the return of funds previously appropriated for the  
Davis Conference Center.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to reduce the Centennial Highway Program, FY 2002  
appropriation by \$21,200,000 and to increase the General Fund by the same amount.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to appropriate \$950,000 from the General Fund for FY  
2002 for the Department of Human Services for the following items:

Division of Mental Health - FACT program	\$150,000
Division of Mental Health - State Hospital	150,000
Division of Child and Family Services	200,000
Executive Director Operations	450,000

Rep. Arent asked how much this restores to the FACT program and the answer is one-third.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to appropriate \$250,000 from the General Fund to the  
Department of Human Services for FY 2002, to be distributed as follows:

Executive Director Operations	\$19,700
Division of Mental Health	68,300
Division of Substance Abuse	1,700
Division of Services for People with Disabilities	31,700
Office of Recovery Services	22,200
Division of Child and Family Services	96,600
Division of Aging and Adult Services	9,800

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to adopt the following items of legislative intent language  
for the Department of Human Services for FY 2002:

It is the intent of the Legislature that the Division of Services for People with Disabilities  
use funds already appropriated for FY 2002 from the Trust Fund for People with  
Disabilities to pay increased fuel and power costs at the State Developmental Center.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to restore appropriations of \$18,5000,000 to Public  
Education as follows:

\$18,473,500 to the Minimum School Program

\$226,500 to the State Office of Education to be distributed on an equal basis to the four

newly created charter schools for start up costs.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to accept the following intent language, It is the intent of the Legislature that the State Board of Education lapse to the Uniform School Fund, remaining balances of \$200,000 from funds appropriated in Section 1, Chapter 338, Laws of Utah, 2001.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to appropriate \$4,633,000 from the General Fund - One-Time to the Utah System of Higher Education for FY 2002.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to appropriate \$367,000 from the General Fund - One-Time to the Utah College of Applied Technology for FY 2002.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved that in addition to any previously approved funding, I move to approve one-time funding Sources and Expenditures for the areas of state government as identified, and to direct the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, in conjunction with the Health and Human Services departments, the Commissioner of Higher Education, and to make allocations to the most critical areas of need.

Sources:	I-15 Savings	\$10,800,000
Expenditures:	Higher Education	\$9,000,000
	Health and Human Services	<u>\$1,800,000</u>
Balance remaining		0

Rep. Arent commented on the improvements made to the budget in critical areas. The motion would restore some of the funding cuts in higher education which would enable the continuation of programs that have students currently enrolled. This motion would also supplement Health and Human Services.

The substitute motion failed with Sens. Allen, Davis, Dmitrich, Hale, and Reps. Arent, Becker, Biskupski, King voting yes. Sens. Blackham, Knudson, Mansell, Poulton, and Reps. Alexander, Curtis, Garn, Stephens, and Ure voted no.

The original motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to appropriate \$300,000 from the General Fund, one-time for FY 2002 to the Department of Public Safety to address funding issues related to the operations of the newly established Homeland Security Task Force. Of this funding,

\$100,000 is to go to the Public Safety Commissioner's Office and \$200,000 to the Utah Highway Patrol.

Rep. Becker inquired about the creation of the Task Force. The Task Force includes members from multiple state agencies.

The motion passed in the Senate and failed in House with Reps. Alexander, Curtis, Garn, Stephens, and Ure voting no.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved that it is the intent of the Legislature that the State Board of Education replace budget reductions for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, and the Science and Fine Arts; from non-lapsing fund balances remaining in the Uniform School Fund.

Rep. King and Rep. Arent commented on the cuts to the State Board of Education and the Arts. The motion passed with Sen. Blackham voting no.

**MOTION:** Sen. Dmitrich moved that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Department of Administrative Services Division of Information Technology Services use \$300,000 from operating revenues to fund acquisition and integration activities of the Automated Geographic Reference Center.

Rep. Garn stated that the Task force is in support of this motion. The motion passed with Rep. Biskupski voting no.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved to authorize the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to prepare the Supplemental Appropriations Act based on approved actions to date of the Executive Appropriations Committee and, in consultation with the Co-chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee, make any technical and non-substantive corrections as necessary. The Legislative Fiscal Analyst is authorized to make appropriate adjustments between funding sources in order to balance the overall budget in preparation of the Supplemental Appropriations bill.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander moved approval of the following FY 2003 subcommittee allocations: for a total of \$3,706,076,860 (see attached sheet).

The committee discussed the base budget for 2002 and 2003 and ongoing money that is available assuming budget cuts are made as allocated. They also discussed use of one-time money used to balance the 2002 budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Alexander move to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.